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CHRIST CHURCH**  
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# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

***MOTHERING SUNDAY***

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**10.30am Morning Prayer  
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter**



***There is socially distanced prayer in the west porch every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service and you are welcome to join at any time***

**TODAY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20 - 28**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 19: 25 - 27**

**read by Janine H**

**Intercessions led by Elliott A**

The Organ Voluntary following our service today is:  
*Salve Regina (four verses) – anonymous setting from The Monastery of the Holy Ghost, Cracow, Poland. Ca. 1548*

In order that we can stay open for worship, please may we remind you that to protect us all:

- **there is a one-way system within the church for your safety, please stay in your pew and refrain from wandering around the church**
- **entry is via the north door only**
- **exit via the west door; if you cannot walk down steps, please stay seated until the churchwardens assist you in leaving safely via the north door**
- **your nose and mouth must be covered at all times whilst in the church.**

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# A Service of Morning Prayer

## Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**



O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.  
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.  
Your love and mercy shall last for ever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

*All* **Great is your name.  
Great is your love.**

## **Opening Hymn [497]** *sung by the choir only*

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly,  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but, above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

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## **The Family of God**

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

O Lord, open our lips.

**All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Praise the name of the Lord.

**All: the Lord's Name be praised.**

## CONFESSIOIN

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Hebrews 4.12*

**All** God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You give your faithful people new life  
in the water of baptism.  
You do not turn your face from us,  
nor cast us aside.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbour.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to heavenly joy,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All** Amen.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

**All make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**All and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

**All who was and is and is to come.**

## **The First Reading** *[Please sit]*

**1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28**

So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the LORD for him.'

When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, 'After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.'

'Do what seems best to you,' Elkanah her husband told her. 'Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.' So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, 'As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he shall be given over to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Songs** *sung by choir and singers only*

### **Song 1**

Are you ready, are you ready,  
He calls you by name;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
To forsake all the pain;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
Though the way may be tough,  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
If life becomes rough.

Are you ready, are you ready,  
To speak in His Name;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
To share why He came;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
He calls you today;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
To walk in His way.

Are you ready, are you ready,  
To take up your cross;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
For sorrows or loss;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
His praises to sing;  
Are you ready, are you ready,  
To worship the King.

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*Music by Miles Young*  
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## **Song 2** *sung by choir and singers only*

There is love, there is love  
From the Father above,  
It's a love that is there,  
for each person to share;  
It's a love that endured,  
On a cross all the pain,  
It's the love of Jesus,  
The Saviour who reigns.

Do we live with His love,  
In our hearts day by day,  
Do we walk by His side,  
Every step of the way;  
Have we love in our hearts,  
When we speak to a friend,  
So they'll know that Jesus,  
Will care till the end.

Let this love be a sign,  
Of the work that's begun,  
In the heart of a child,  
Of a life He has won,  
God has shown us this love,  
That by sending his son,  
Showing Christ has Risen!  
Thy will shall be done.

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## **The Second Reading** *[Please sit]*

**John 19: 25 – 27**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to his mother, 'Dear Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*[Please remain seated]*

*Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**



**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN [238]** *Sung by the choir only*

For Mary, Mother of our Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored  
as on her child she gazed.

Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,  
though hard the task assigned,  
and by the Holy Ghost conceived  
the Saviour of mankind.

She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain,  
she knew the cost of love divine  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

## The Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

*at the end, a short period of silence is kept, and then:*

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your  
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,**



**as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*At the end of our prayers we pause for a moment*

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Final Hymn [443] *sung by the choir only***

God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble,  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river  
within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her-  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence-  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations-  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

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## **Conclusion**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Jesus now lead on.**

## **BLESSING**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

We will not offer to God

**All Offerings that cost us nothing.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**All We will seek peace and pursue it.**

*Our thanks to Canon Muriel for leading our service of  
Morning Prayer today*

***Thank you for joining with us.  
Stay well, stay safe.***

***Please be aware of social distancing, and we are  
advised not to gather to chat when in the church***

*If you are not able to leave via the steps of the West  
door, please tell the Churchwardens, and remain  
seated until all have left, so you can safely leave via  
the North door*



All those working in the NHS who are striving to save lives at this time;  
the sick and the lonely, the recently bereaved and all those in local nursing & care homes.

## Services in March

- 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Nancy Ford
- 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**  
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen